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May 29, 1990

Mr. Harold Thompson
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Water Management Division (8WM-C)
1 Denver Place, Suite 500
999 - 18th Street
Denver, Colorado 80202-2413

Dear Mr. Thompson:

In accordance with the conditions of NPDES Discharge Permit UT-0023540, Part II - A-2 and Utah Mining Code Section 817.52(b)(i)(ii), Utah Fuel Company is herewith providing the required written notification of a failure to comply with the maximum effluent limitations for total dissolved solids at the 001 discharge point.

The problem occurred with the sample taken May 4, 1990, which had a TDS concentration of 1108 mg/l. This is the 33rd time that this discharge has experienced an excursion above the 700 mg/l limitation beginning in August of 1987.

Fluctuations in water quality are routinely experienced and are a normal part of the mining process. Based on this understanding, an increase in the TDS limitation has been requested to cover these excursions. Action on this request is pending EPA approval.

Sincerely,

Keith W. Welch

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Environmental Coordinator

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